



The machines at the centre have helped patients like Rosli Zainuddin (left) and Yuen Sooi Mooi continue living normally.

Funds needed to replace machines

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THE MAA-MEDicare Kidney Charity Fund (MAA-MEDicare) needs about RM1.2mil to replace 30 dialysis machines this year.

Currently, MAA-MEDicare has about 100 haemodialysis machines at 11 centres nationwide but about 30 need to be replaced, as some of them are more than 10 years old. Each of the machine costs RM40,000.

"These machines are our kidney patients' life line and they are totally dependent on these machines to stay alive," said MAA-MEDicare chief executive officer-cum-director Lynette Lim.

She was speaking during a visit by Dovechem Group of Companies management team to the Cheras centre on Wednesday. The team, headed by group managing director Datuk Andrew Ng, were also given a tour of the premises.

The centre in Cheras has 11 machines, with one of the machines bought with a donation from Dovechem.

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Kidney fund needs cash

What? MAA-MEDicare needs 1.2mil to replace 30 dialysis machines this year.

Who? MAA-Medicare Kidney Charity Fund chief executive officer-cum-director Lynette Lym.

Why? Some machines are more than 10 years old, from the time MAA-MEDicare began operations in 1994.

The donation was raised during Dovechem's Caring for All campaign that was launched in 2003.

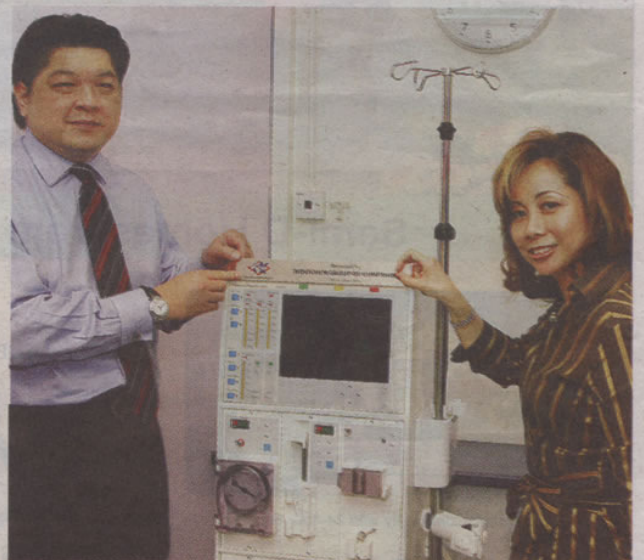
Ng was also given the honour of placing a tag on the machine on behalf of Dovechem.

"Dovechem has just helped us save six lives with their contribution of a dialysis machine," said Lim.

The MAA-MEDicare kidney Charity Fund (MAA-MEDicare) is a public trust fund that provides dialysis care at subsidised rates, especially to needy kidney patients.

The first centre, costing RM600,000, began operations at the end of 1994 at Jalan Ipoh.

The fund currently operates 11



Ng (left) and Lim during the visit by Dovechem to MAA-MEDicare's Cheras centre.

dialysis centres throughout the country.

Currently, the centres serve more than 550 kidney patients daily throughout the country with support from 90 full-time consul-

tant nephrologists.

MAA-MEDicare is able to provide one-stop total health care from medical diagnosis and treatment to rehabilitative and social support services.